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Education

Inspection of schools by senior and junior deputy inspectors of schools.

* 189 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) what is the number of schools on an average which each senior and junior deputy inspector of schools is given for inspection ; and

(b) whether these officers find time to visit the schools more than once in the course of a year and to attend teachers' gatherings?

A.—(a) On an average each deputy inspector of schools, whether of the senior or of the junior grade, is ordinarily entrusted with the annual inspection of 133 elementary schools for boys.

(b) In addition to annual inspection, the deputy inspectors of schools are required to pay visits for improvement, at least once a year, to the schools in their jurisdiction. The officers are also required to arrange for the various primary teachers' associations holding frequent meetings at convenient centres and for the delivery of addresses on important matters connected with elementary education.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—" With reference to the answer given to clause (b) of this question, may I ask the hon. the Minister for Education whether there is any proposal before the Government for the increase of the inspecting staff for inspecting elementary schools ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I am just now considering whether an increase in the inspection staff for elementary schools is necessary."

Provision of clerks for higher elementary schools.

* 190 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware that higher elementary training schools are not provided with any clerk ;

(b) whether it is a fact that the clerical work in the training schools is taxing and whether the regular teachers have to do it by working out of school hours ; and

(c) whether the Government propose to consider the desirability of providing clerks at least for higher elementary training schools, if not for all training schools?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) & (c) The matter is under consideration.

Libraries

Provision of itinerant libraries by the Nuzvid Taluk Board.

* 191 Q.—The ZAMINDAR OF GOLLAPALLI : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state in what stage the proposals of the Nuzvid Taluk Board to provide itinerant libraries are?

A.—The Government have not approved of the proposal to start itinerating libraries but have suggested to the Taluk Board the advisability of maintaining libraries at one or more fixed centres.